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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:

Bruno Pasquale Franco Nardo et al.

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For: DEVICE AND MACHINE FOR

REGENERATING A HUMAN LIVER

Examiner: I. N. Hayman

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION AND ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the requirement for restriction and election mailed December 12, 2008, applicant hereby elects invention Group III (claims 11-17).

In response to the requirement for election of species, applicant hereby elects Species I: hemafiltering oxygenating blood.

Applicant's election is made without prejudice. As noted by the Examiner, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to not more than a reasonable number of species in addition to the elected species, provided that all claims to each additional species are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.146.

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A prompt official action on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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